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1. ON DECEMBER 18 WE FINALLY HAD OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FCO'S CHALMERS WHAT HE KNEW ABOUT DR. CHAUHAN AND HIS MOVEMENT. CHALMERS CONFESSED THAT FCO PAYS LITTLE ATTENTION TO CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GROUP. SIKHS CONSIST OF ABOUT 300-350 FAMILIES RESIDENT IN UK AND COME TO ATTENTION OF AUTHORITIES MAINLY BECAUSE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, AND OTHER THINGS THAT LEADS TO.

2. ACCORDING TO INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION, CHALMERS SAID, ONE OF THE TWO SIKH GROUPS (DR. CHAUHAN'S) SEES A GOOD DEAL OF THE PAKISTANIS AND PROBABLY RECEIVES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THEM. CHALMERS POINTED OUT THAT PAKISTANI COMMUNITY GENERATES FINANCIAL RESOURCES AMOUNTING TO MANY TENS OF MILLIONS OF POUNDS STERLING ANNUALLY, AND HE COULD CONCEIVE OF SOME FUNDS FINDING THEIR WAY TO SIKH SEPARATISTS OUT OF THAT.

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